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PHOTOGRAPHIC INTELLIGENCE BRIEF

SUBJECT : Peiping Urban Area

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LOCATION: Hopeh Province, China

DATE: 27 August 1959

PHOTO DATA

MAP DATA

Peiping (39°56'N/116°24'E) is the capital of Communist China and serves as her political, economic, and cultural center. Peiping was covered by good quality, large scale aerial photography for the first time

A study of this photography reveals that considerable urban expansion has taken place in Peiping. The western suburbs have been developed into a large residential and cultural area with many large apartment houses, institutional and government buildings. Industrial expansion has been limited to several small industries, new storage areas, and rail spurs.

Peiping is the most important military headquarters in Communist China and several extensive barracks and storage areas were noted. The two major military airfields were also shown on the last photography and both showed recent changes. The runway at Nan-yuan Airfield has been lengthened to 9300 feet and a parallel taxiway with 24 new revetments has been added. Nan-yuan also appears to be a major aircraft repair center. At Lan-tien-chang Airfield extensive construction work was in progress on the runways, taxiways, and parking areas.

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